Philada. November 1st. 1887.

To

The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church in Philadelphia.

Gentlemen: -

The undersigned who inherit sacred memories in Christ Church Burying Ground at Fifth and Arch Streets, respectfully submit to you the desireability of an early consideration of some means whereby a Fund may be raised the interest of which should assure the preservation and maintenance of this hallowed and historic Ground, as they are fully cognizant of the fact that the revenues of the Corporation do not enable your body to bestow that attention and care to it which it is your will and desire to do.

Should you entertain the subject and respond with favor to this petition, the undersigned are prepared to undertake subscriptions to a Fund of not less than Ten Thousand dollars Which may be placed in Trust, The interest of which shall accrue to the maintenance of the ground and its proper custody and guardianship as well as the needed repairs to its monuments andtheir due preservation, the same to be expended under the direction of Christ Church Corporation.

Hoping that your venerable body will allow the undersigned and many others sympathising with them the privilege of accomplishing the means whereby this sacred repository of the dead for many generations can be preserved in its integrity and spared from further ravages of time,

We remain

With much respect

Your humble servants,

R. Wm. Wister.

Thomas Hutchinson

Geo. H. Fisher

Harry Lake

Edward Hutchinson

John Cadwalader

Chas. Willing Hare

Edwin Swift

H. W. Hare Powel

Ernest Hartshorne

Thomas McKean

Brinton Coxe

Charles Hare Hutchinson

James S. Biddle

Samuel Wagner

Philadelphia, November 1st, 1858.

To

The Reverend, Council of Pastors and Delegates of Church in Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:-

The undersigned who formerly worshipped with you at Arch Street Church and Rev. Albert Barnes, but who have withdrawn from your communion, desire to state briefly the reasons which have led them to this course.

We have long been deeply pained by the manifest spirit of worldliness and pride which has been increasingly developed in the Church of which we were members, and which has culminated in the purchase of a house of worship in Chestnut Street, at a cost of $250,000, and the erection of a house of worship in Broad Street, at a cost of $150,000. We have been pained to see the Church of Christ, which should be a witness for the truth, and a light to the world, so conformed to the world as to be ashamed of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ